



Front Country Trails Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force

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Regular Meeting
Wednesday, April 4, 2007
5:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers
735 Anacapa Street, 2nd Floor, Santa Barbara

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chair Perkins called the regular meeting of the Front Country Trails Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force to order at 5:33 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 735 Anacapa Street, 2nd Floor.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Task Force Member Hickling

ROLL CALL: Task Force Members Present:

Beebe Longstreet	City Park & Recreation Commissioner
Suzanne Perkins	County Parks Commissioner 1 st District
James Hickling	County Parks Commissioner 3 rd District
Bruce Emmens	Public Use & Facilities Staff Officer Los Padres National Forest
Linda Riddle	District Ranger, Santa Barbara Ranger District Los Padres National Forest

Task Force Members Not Present:

Steve Forsell	City Park & Recreation Commissioner
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City of Santa Barbara Staff Present

Jill Zachary	Assistant Parks and Recreation Director
Kathy Frye	Associate Park/Natural Areas Planner
Liz Smith	Creeks Division Program Assistant
Santos Escobar	Parks Manager

County of Santa Barbara Staff Present

Claude A. Garciacelay	ASLA, Park Planner
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Los Padres National Forest Staff Present

Kerry Kellogg	Recreation Specialist, Santa Barbara Ranger District
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CHANGES TO THE AGENDA –

Montecito Trails Foundation presentation (Item 8C) will move to the May 2007 meeting.

Switch Items 8A and 8B – Los Padres Forest Association (Item 8B) will go first, followed by Santa Barbara Mountain Bike Trail Volunteers (Item 8A).

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Speakers:

- Kat Post, Equestrian.
- James Mills, County Riding and Hiking Trails Advisory Committee
- Stephen Dougherty

TASK FORCE AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

1. Approval of Minutes

Recommendation: That the FCT Multi-jurisdictional Task Force waive the reading and approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 7, 2007.

Action: Approved the recommendation.

Motion:

Task Force members Longstreet/Hickling that the Task Force approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 7, 2007.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote

OLD BUSINESS – NONE

NEW BUSINESS

2. Existing Conditions – Trail Conditions and Maintenance Current Funding

Recommendation: That the FCT Multi-jurisdictional Task Force receive a presentation on the existing trail conditions, maintenance and current funding.

Documents:

- Staff Report
- Tunnel Trail TOPO! GPS Data
- Jesusita Trail Management and Rehabilitation Plan
- Table of Linear Trail Features
- Santa Barbara Mountain Bike Trail Volunteers Work Dates
- Volunteer Wilderness Rangers Work Dates
- Trail Maintenance Protocols for Heritage Compliance

- National Trail Management Classes
- Clearing Limits
- Typical Trail Cross Sections
- Forest Service Funding Table
- Revised Forest Service Funding Table
- Staff PowerPoint Presentation

Speakers:

- Staff: Kathy Frye, Associate Planner, City of Santa Barbara; Kerry Kellogg, Recreation Specialist, Santa Barbara Ranger District; Claude A. Garciacelay, ASLA, Park Planner, County of Santa Barbara
- Members of the Public: James Childress, Sierra Club

Task Force Comments:

Task Force comments and questions primarily concerned the lack of funding for the LPNF to maintain the front country trails; the request for additional information regarding the use of capital funds and how that is acquired; how funding allocations are determined; the importance of volunteers and the need for staff oversight of volunteers; concern about the increasing loss of funds for trails; relationship of trails funding to other recreation programs, and the role of MTF on the FCTs.

3. USER GROUP PRESENTATIONS

B. Los Padres Forest Association

Documents:

- PowerPoint Presentation

Speakers:

- Ray Ford, Treasurer, Los Padres Forest Association

Task Force Comments:

Task Force comments included clarifying the relationship between the LPFA and the MTF; trail sign design and brochure information, and the size of the maintenance crews.

A. Santa Barbara Mountain Bike Trail Volunteers

Documents:

- PowerPoint Presentation

Speakers:

- Chris Orr, Vice President, Santa Barbara Mountain Bike Trail Volunteers

Task Force Comments:

Task Force comments included the size of the budget and how signage is funded.

Speakers

- Members of the Public: Lynn Kirst, Equestrian; Anthony Beegan, Sierra Club Outings Chair, Trails Council Board Member; Dave Everett, Multi-Use Trails Coalition

ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

At 7:41 p.m., Task Force members Hickling/Longstreet that the Task Force meeting be adjourned.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote

Respectfully submitted,

Jill E. Zachary
Assistant Parks and Recreation Director